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For: PARALLEL PROCESSING SYSTEM BY OS FOR SINGLE PROCESSORS AND
PARALLEL PROCESSING PROGRAM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 5-216851, published August 27, 1993. (with English Abstract)
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-306038, published November 5, 1999. (previously submitted with Information Disclosure Statement filed February 10, 2006)
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 5-324574, published December 7, 1993. (with English Abstract)

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith except for those indicated as being previously submitted.

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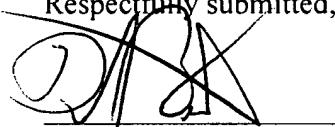
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated September 22, 2006 and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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(Regarding reason 3)

Claims: 1 through 10, 18 through 31, and 36 through 42

Cited literature: 1 and 2

Remarks:

Cited literature 1 describes an invention wherein a master process (CPU on which the master process is running; equivalent to the "first processor group" of the present application) wakes up a slave process (CPU on which the slave process is running; equivalent to the "second processor group" of the present application) through the operation of a multiprocessing library (equivalent to the "inter-process communication means" and "parallel processing means" of the present application), and parallel processing is carried out by the awoken slave process. Furthermore, the "multiprocessing library" of the invention described in cited literature 1 performs system calls in order to perform inter-process communication (paragraph (0020)).

Cited literature 2 describes an invention wherein, in a multiprocessor system in which the same OS is installed as in single processor systems, child tasks spawned by a main program are synchronously executed in parallel on another processor (see especially paragraphs (0010) through (0016)). Applying this configuration to the invention described in cited literature 1 is a matter which could be easily accomplished by a person skilled in the art.

Claims: 11 through 17 and 32 through 35

Cited literature: 1 through 3

Remarks:

Cited literature 1 describes a "conduit" as an arrangement equivalent to the "control processing relay means (function)" of the present invention.

Furthermore, cited literature 3 describes an "extended OS" and "inter-processor communication control unit" as arrangements equivalent to the "OS service means (function)" and "proxy means (function)" of the present invention.

Reason for making this the final notification of reasons for rejection

This notification of reasons for rejection provides notification only of reasons for rejection whereof notification became necessary due to amendments made in responding to the initial notification of reasons for rejection.

If any reasons for rejection are newly discovered, a notification of reasons for rejection will be issued.

List of cited literature

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